Child and Family Services Annual Statistical Report

1992-93 to 1994-95

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Preface

This is the first *C&FS Annual Statistical Report* of the Working Group on Child and Family Services Information, presenting statistical data on child welfare services in Canada. The format of the report is based on statistical tables previously found in the *Compendium on Child and Family Services Information* and the report entitled *Child Welfare in Canada: the Role of Provincial and Territorial Authorities in Cases of Child Abuse*.

The *C&FS Annual Statistical Report* presents data on a range of services to children and families, including protection services and adoption, with the main focus being on children in care. Each jurisdictional section provides statistics on services to children and families and, in some cases, expenditure data for departments responsible for child welfare. Data are provided for 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, and may be presented for the fiscal year, calendar year, for the month of March, or as at the end of March, depending on the reporting system for each jurisdiction. The next edition of the report will present 1994-95 data and 1995-96 data. Provinces and territories have submitted statistics extracted from data systems developed to meet the administrative and case management needs of their respective jurisdictions. As such, there are extensive variations in the types of data collected and the manner in which they are reported. For instance, some data may refer to all allegations of child abuse and others to investigations only. Actual client data may represent the number of families or children. Therefore, **data for a given province or territory cannot and should not be compared across jurisdictions**.

Each jurisdiction has its own legislation providing for the protection of children. Services may be provided to a child in need of protection through several means. *Preventive services* may be provided by child welfare authorities with the agreement and cooperation of the family to help resolve difficulties. Formalized *voluntary agreements* may be negotiated between the department and the child's family outlining each party's responsibilities towards the care and custody of the child; these are usually temporary in nature and may involve placement of the child outside the family home. Where a child is considered to be imminent danger, child welfare authorities may *apprehend* the child. Where a child has been apprehended, or a voluntary agreement is not feasible or appropriate, a *child protection hearing* is scheduled. The court determines whether the child is in need of protection, and may issue an order concerning the care, custody and/or guardianship of the child.

Throughout the report, where provinces and territories were unable to provide data the symbol "n/a" has been used. Following the statistical tables in each section, there appears a glossary of terminology defining such terms as child and children in care, and describing various legal statuses.

Table A provides the most recent post-censal estimates from Statistics Canada on the overall child population in Canada, by province and territory for children in various age groupings.

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Table A **Estimated Number of Children in Canada by Province/Territory July 1995[p] (000's)**

Province	0-16 years	17 years	18 years	0-18 years
Newfoundland	133.5	9.2	9.4	152.1
Prince Edward Island	33.4	2.0	2.0	37.4
Nova Scotia	209.4	12.5	12.8	234.7
New Brunswick	169.7	10.6	11.2	191.5
Quebec	1,603.3	98.4	99.0	1,800.7
Ontario	2,524.4	140.5	141.9	2,806.8
Manitoba	277.8	15.7	15.6	309.1
Saskatchewan	266.4	14.9	14.9	296.2
Alberta	702.0	37.8	38.0	777.8
British Columbia	833.3	47.3	47.7	928.3
Yukon	8.1	.4	.4	8.9
Northwest Territories	23.4	1.1	1.1	25.6
Canada	***6,784.7***	***390.2***	***394.1***	***7,569.0***

p. Preliminary data.

Source: Statistics Canada - Postcensal estimates

Introduction

The data presented in this section were provided by the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Social Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations of child abuse or neglect investigated.

2. *Children not in Care*- cases where there is no transfer of custody or guardianship.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoptions* - ward and relative adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for the Department of Social Services are included.

Newfoundland data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Investigations

Table 1 Investigations[1] by Type, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Type	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Child Abuse			
Physical	983	838	673
Sexual	1,451	1,071	1,005
Emotional	328	409	411
Subtotal	**2,762**	**2,318**	**2,089**
Other[2]	1,919	2,706	2,825
Total	***4,681***	***5,024***	***4,914***

1. Data represent the number of allegations of child abuse and/or neglect investigated plus the number of incidences of abuse and/or neglect which subsequently become identified through an investigation. Only the primary abuse is identified. Data do not represent the number of allegedly abused or neglected children because each investigation of abuse or neglect is counted; more than one investigation may be carried out with respect to a child.

2. All investigations other than child abuse, including neglect.

Children not in Care

Table 2 Children not in Care, in Placements Receiving Financial Assistance, March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Regular Child Welfare Allowance[1]	484	484	464

1. Program provides financial support to relatives who are caring for children who would otherwise come into the care of the Director of Child Welfare.

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Legal Status	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Permanent Ward	218	245	235
Temporary Ward	180	286	266
Voluntary Care Agreement	59	35	55
Pending Disposition	90	19	13
Consent to Adoption	36	17	19
Youth Care Agreement	174	130	161
Total	***757***	***732***	***749***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.b Number of Children in Care[1] by Placement Type as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Placement Type	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Regular Foster Homes	429	427	377
Group Home	14	13	31
Board/Lodging	13	9	13
Child Specific Relative	108	92	108
Child Specific Non-Relative	164	156	152
Outside Province	1	4	14
Other	28	31	54
Total	***757***	***732***	***749***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.c Children in Care[1] by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994, and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Age Group			
0-5 years	151	146	121
6-11 years	201	216	170
12-15 years	231	229	243
16 years +	174	213	215
Sex			
Male	407	391	404
Female	350	341	345
Total	***757***	***732***	***749***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 4.a Adoptions during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Applications Received	221	179	218
Applications Approved	137	105	141
Applications Rejected or Withdrawn	113	80	89
Placements made or recognized	141	100	126
Regular	44	19	23
Relative	97	81	103
Adoptions finalized	122	119	130

Table 4.b Age Group of Children Placed for Adoption during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Age Group	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
0-12 months	29	13	17
1-5 years	10	6	6
over 5 years	5	0	0
Total	***44***	***19***	***23***

Expenditures

Table 5.a Department of Social Services
Total Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Executive & Support Services	$ 8,737.8	$ 10,904.5	$ 10,163.7
Service Delivery	27,692.0	29,586.0	31,010.7
Child Welfare	**12,343.9**	**13,490.6**	**13,908.6**
Youth Corrections	12,480.3	12,416.6	12,339.8
Developmental and Rehabilitative Services	20,086.8	21,144.2	22,351.3
Day Care	3,494.3	3,407.6	3,117.0
Employment Opportunities	22,533.9	16,117.8	14,046.7
Social Assistance	197,136.1	219,101.6	227,200.0
Support to Family Related Organizations	313.8	230.0	230.5
Family Support Services	1,530.9	1,506.6	1,955.0
Total	***$ 306,349.8***	***$ 327,905.5***	***$ 336,323.3***

Glossary

Child: An unmarried boy or girl under the age of 16. A child who is in the Director's care at age 16 may have wardship extended to age 19. Financial and other services may be extended to age 21.

Child in Care: Child in need of protection under the *Child Welfare Act* and in care under the following legal statuses: Voluntary Care Agreement, pending disposition (those who have been apprehended and are waiting for the child protection hearing plus those under interim orders waiting for the judge's decision), consent to adoption, Order of Temporary Wardship (temporary ward), Order of Permanent Wardship (permanent ward), and Youth Care Agreement (youth under extended care who were in care on the day before their 16th birthday under an order or agreement).

Voluntary Care Agreement: Also called a Non-Ward Agreement, allows parents to voluntarily and temporarily give up care of their child to the Director of Child Welfare. The parents retain guardianship rights. The agreement is generally for up to three months and may be extended for an additional three months.

Supervision Order: Used when a child is found to be in need of protection but is returned to the care and custody of the parents or any other suitable adult. Guardianship is either retained by the parents or given by a Court to a third party under the supervision of the Director. The order is made for a maximum of 12 months and specific recommendations may be made by the Judge. The child is not considered to be in care.

Order of Temporary Wardship: Custody and guardianship of a child is transferred to the Director of Child Welfare. The parents must consent to any medical treatment required by the child. Orders cannot exceed 12 months.

Order of Permanent Wardship: Permanent wardship is granted only when the parents are incapable of providing guardianship; have no desire to, or are not available to provide guardianship; or there is an apparently irreversible history of abuse or serious neglect. When a child is made a permanent ward, the parents lose their custody and guardianship rights and the child may be placed for adoption.

Youth Care Agreement: Temporary or permanent wardship extended to age 19.

Consent to Adoption: Under *The Adoption of Children Act*, a parent may voluntarily relinquish a child to the Director of Child Welfare for the purposes of adoption.

Introduction

Data presented in this section are from the Department of Health and Social Services' management information system (MIS). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

2. *Adoptions* - number of children adopted.

In addition, expenditures on child and family services are included.

P.E.I. data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Children in Care

Table 1.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Legal Status	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Apprehended	32	30	44
Temporary Ward[2]	10	9	11
Permanent Ward[3]	74	63	54
Voluntary Care Agreement[4]	70	57	76
Wards of Another Province	2	3	4
Adoption Placement[5]	9	4	7
Follow-up to Child in Care[6]	12	8	3
Uncoded	4	6	8
Total	***213***	***180***	***207***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes children in care under a Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship.
3. Includes children in care under a Permanent Guardianship Order.
4. Includes children in care under a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship, a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody, or a Permanent Guardianship Agreement (voluntary relinquishment for adoption purposes).
5. Permanent wards who have been placed in an adoption home pending finalization.
6. Includes children who have been in care, have returned home and are receiving post-care services.

Table 1.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Placement Type	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Living with Parents	7	4	4
Living with Relatives	0	3	3
Emergency Foster Home	5	4	9
Relative Foster Home	17	16	26
Regular Foster Home	94	93	107
Group Foster Home	5	2	4
Group Home	29	18	13
Special Care Resources[2]	18	13	4
Young Offender Facility	4	2	1
Out-of-Province Placement	7	8	8
Room and Board	7	7	3
Other	4	5	10
Coded Incorrectly	2	1	1
Not Coded	14	4	14
Total	*213*	*180*	*207*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes the Adolescent Treatment Unit at Hillsborough Hospital.

Table 1.c Children in Care[1] by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993[2]		March 31, 1994[3]		March 31, 1995[4]	
Age Group	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-11	42	38	40	30	50	40
12-14	24	25	11	27	21	24
15+	36	44	26	43	23	46
Total	*102*	*107*	*77*	*100*	*94*	*110*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Gender was not coded for two children in the 15+ age group and for two children in the 0-11 age group.
3. Gender was not coded for one child in the 15+ age group and two children's birth dates were coded incorrectly.
4. Gender was not coded for one child in the 0-11 age group and for two children in the 15+ age group.

Adoptions

Table 2 Adoptions during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Finalized Adoptions	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Departmental Adoptions	7	11	7
Agency Adoptions	2	1	1
Private Adoptions	45	52	26

Expenditures

Table 3.a Department of Health and Social Services
Child and Family Services Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

Expenditures	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Maintenance of Foster Children	$ 1,551.2	$ 1,508.4	$ 1,593.1
Medical/Dental/Optical Expenses for Foster Children	36.7	42.8	25.8
Foster Parent Association	30.7	30.7	30.7
Group Care[1,2]	1,530.7	1,884.3	1,956.6
Family Support Program	263.9	246.3	275.3
Special Residential Services	407.2	574.8	532.4
Severely Disturbed Children's Services[1]	155.1	163.2	193.6
Total	*$ 3,975.5*	*$ 4,450.5*	*$ 4,607.5*

1. Figures for these categories include salary, administration and travel costs associated with the service.

2. An additional group home was opened in the fiscal year 1993-94.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person actually or apparently under the age of majority (i.e., 18 years). Services may be extended to age 21 to a permanent ward.

Child in care: Those children who are in need of protection under the *Family and Child Services Act* who fall under the following legal statuses: Temporary Guardianship Agreement, Temporary Custody Agreement, Permanent Guardianship Agreement, apprehended, Permanent Guardianship Order, Temporary Custody and Guardianship Order, ward of another province, and children who have been in care, have returned home and are receiving post-care services ("follow-up to child in care").

Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody: Temporarily transfers custody, but not guardianship, of the child to the Director of Child Welfare for a period of up to six months. A child under 13 may have the agreement extended for two additional six month terms; a child 13 or over may have it extended indefinitely to age 18.

Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Guardianship: Transfers the legal guardianship and custody of the child to the Director of Child Welfare for up to six months. Provisions for extension are the same as for a Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody.

Permanent Guardianship Agreement: The parents voluntarily and permanently transfer the custody and guardianship of the child to the Director of Child Welfare or agency.

Supervision Order: A child in need of protection is returned to the parents under the supervision of the Director of Child Welfare for a specified period not to exceed six months. The order may be extended for an additional six months. The child is not considered to be in care.

Temporary Order for Custody and Guardianship: Commits the child to the temporary custody and guardianship of the Director for a period of up to six months. The order may be extended for an additional six months.

Permanent Guardianship Order: The Director of Child Welfare becomes the sole guardian of the child until the child attains the age of majority, marries, is adopted or the order is terminated by a judge.

Introduction

Data presented in this section, including the Child Abuse Register, are from Nova Scotia's Case Management System which is maintained by the Department of Community Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - services to all families/children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.

2. *Child Abuse Register* - contains information on victims and perpetrators of child abuse.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoptions* - agency/ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Community Services are included.

Nova Scotia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Protection

Table 1.a Protection Cases[1], during 1992-93 and as at March 31, 1993

a)	Children provided protection in own home during 1992-93	3,611
b)	Protection - abuse and neglect cases	
	as at April 1, 1992	1,037
	new cases during 1992-93	1,204
	cases as at March 31, 1993	1,708
c)	Protection - voluntary services	
	cases as at April 1, 1992	572
	new cases during 1992-93	553
	cases as at March 31, 1993	544

1. Numbers are incompatible with earlier years. The new Case Management System only counts cases which are "open" (it excludes "intake" cases) and prevents any double counting of children.

Table 1.b Protection Cases, during 1993-94 and as at March 31, 1994

a)	Children provided protection in own home during 1993-94	3,563
b)	Protection[1]	
	as at April 1, 1993	1,454
	new cases during 1993-94	1,585
	cases as at March 31, 1994	2,170

1. Breakdown between abuse/neglect and voluntary services is no longer provided.

Table 1.c Protection Cases, during 1994-95 and as at March 31, 1995

a)	Children provided protection in own home during 1994-95	2,717
b)	Protection	
	cases as at April 1, 1994	1,881
	new cases during 1994-95	1,384
	cases as at March 31, 1995	2,700

Child Abuse Register[1]

Table 2 Child Abuse Register[1]: Recorded Cases by Type, Age Group of Child, Sex of Child and Relationship of Abuser to Victim, 1992 to 1994

	1992	*1993*	*1994*
Type			
Physical abuse	59	30	41
Sexual abuse	205	260	241
Physical/Sexual abuse	0	1	1
Physical/Sexual/Emotional abuse	0	4	0
Age Group			
0-3 years	26	33	23
4-6 years	30	55	66
7-12 years	115	133	132
13-16 years	93	74	62
Sex			
Male	80	72	77
Female	184	223	206
Relationship of Abuser to Victim			
Mother/Adoptive Mother	14	6	4
Stepmother	1	0	1
Foster Mother	0	0	0
Father/Adoptive Father	45	27	32
Stepfather	35	17	25
Foster Father	2	2	0
Mother's Common law Spouse/Boyfriend	17	16	11
Father's Common law Spouse/Girlfriend	0	2	0
Brother	6	12	14
Grandfather	6	8	11
Uncle	16	36	27
Other Relative	5	22	16
Babysitter/Caretaker	28	7	27
Family Friend	29	60	38
Neighbour	17	33	22
Stranger to Victim	4	6	11
Other[2]	39	41	44
Total	***264***	***295***	***283***

1. See Glossary for definition of Child Abuse Register.
2. Includes Child Care Worker, Clergymen, School Personnel, Acquaintance, Pimp, Other.

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, during 1992-93 and as at March 31, 1993

a) Children brought into care April 1, 1992 - March 31, 1993	
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	811
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	105
Voluntary Care Agreement[2] - Sec. 68	12
Taken into Care	426
Care and Custody	119
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31, 1993	1,524
Children in care and custody[3]	852

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.
2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.
3. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

Table 3.b Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, during 1993-94 and as at March 31, 1994

a) Children brought into care April 1, 1993 - March 31, 1994	
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	735
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	79
Voluntary Care Agreement[2] - Sec. 68	11
Taken into Care	425
Care and Custody	162
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31, 1994	1,477
Children in care and custody[3]	848

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.
2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.
3. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

Table 3.c Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, during 1994-95 and as at March 31, 1995

a) Children brought into care April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995	
Temporary Care Agreement - Sec. 17	713
Special Needs Agreement - Sec. 18	62
Voluntary Care Agreement[2] - Sec. 68	19
Taken into Care	371
Care and Custody	126
b) Total Number of Children in Care as at March 31, 1995	1,513
Children in care and custody[3]	789

1. See Glossary for definition of a child in care.

2. Child voluntarily given up for adoption.

3. Represents those children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

Table 3.d Children in Permanent Care and Custody[1] showing Sex, Age Group and Placement as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Sex			
Male	438	437	429
Female	414	411	360
Age			
Under 5 years	68	74	64
5 to 9 years	95	108	120
10 to 14 years	179	185	169
15 to 18 years	393	345	314
10 to 20 years	117	136	122
Placement			
Own Parents	33	26	11
Self Supporting	7	2	0
Foster Homes	446	423	401
Group Homes	14	24	15
Residential Facilities	8	8	11
Adoption Probation	41	46	53
Free Homes[2]	2	6	3
Indep. Living/Board Home/Indep. House	171	169	170
Others[3]	130	144	125
Total	***852***	***848***	***789***

1. Represents children in care under a Permanent Care and Custody Order only.

2. Placement for which no funding is provided.

3. This category includes S.O.S. Village, the Young Offenders Act Community Facility and other placements.

Adoptions

Table 4.a Adoptions Completed, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Adoptions Completed	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Agency	65	78	55
Private: Relative	193	187	101
Private: Non Relative	23	29	28
Total	***281***	***294***	***184***

Table 4.b Adoption Activities, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Inquiries re: Agency Adoption	543	620	603
Application Approved	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homes on Waiting List	133	117	91

Table 4.c Children Adopted, by Sex and Age Group, during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Sex			
Male	140	145	84
Female	141	149	100
Age Group			
under 1 year	40	45	23
1 to 4 years	90	81	66
5 to 8 years	61	82	54
9 to 12 years	64	57	31
13 to 15 years	26	29	10
Total	***281***	***294***	***184***

Expenditures

Table 5.a Department of Community Services[1]
Family and Children's Services Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Administration	$ 1,592.2	$ 1,639.3	n/a
Maintenance Costs			
Foster Homes	6,837.3	7,196.0	n/a
Community Residential Facilities	7,498.3	8,565.6	n/a
Apprehension Costs	2,641.5	2,915.7	n/a
Voluntary Care	3,484.9	3,743.4	n/a
Payments to Children's Services Agencies	12,493.5	13,017.3	n/a
Payments to Private Agencies for Unmarried Mothers	703.4	663.4	n/a
Payments to Transition and Safe Houses	2,515.2	2,644.0	n/a
Payments - Family Counselling Services	810.3	807.5	n/a
Early Intervention	387.4	17.4	n/a
Nova Scotia Residential Centre[2]	3,037.2	3,108.1	n/a
Total	***$ 42,001.1***	***$ 44,317.7***	***n/a***

1. This table reflects departmental expenditures only; municipal expenditures have not been included.
2. Includes administrative, operating, maintenance, academic/vocational, social services and daily living program expenditures.

Table 5.b Department of Community Services
Total Expenditures ($000's)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Family and Children's Services	**$ 42,001.1**	**$ 44,317.7**	**n/a**
Rehabilitation and Community Services	24,117.1	24,869.1	n/a
Young Offenders Administration	5,909.3	6,139.8	n/a
Public Assistance	430,393.4	396,137.0	n/a
Other Social Services	5,548.1	5,721.9	n/a
Administration	40,330.5	50,567.5	n/a
Day Care Services	11,342.2	12,596.6	n/a
Total	***$ 559,641.7***	***$ 540,349.6***	***n/a***

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under sixteen years of age. The permanent care and custody of a child may be extended until the child reaches age 21.

Child in Care: Any child who is in need of protection under the *Children and Family Services Act* who has had a transfer of custody and/or guardianship through a Temporary Care Agreement, a Special Needs Agreement, Apprehension, a Temporary Care and Custody Order (includes status during adjournments in child protection hearing), a Permanent Care and Custody Order, or voluntary relinquishment for adoption purposes.

Child Abuse Register: The province operates a Child Abuse Register for the purpose of recording both Family Court findings of abuse and Criminal Code convictions against children. The information is used primarily for child protection and screening purposes.

Temporary Care Agreement: Care and supervision of a child are transferred to an agency for up to six moths; the parent retains guardianship. An agreement may be renewed for an additional six months.

Special Needs Agreement: A written agreement with an agency or the Minister for the care and custody of a child with special needs or for the provision of services to meet the child's needs. The parent retains legal custody under this type of agreement as well as authority for emergency medical treatment. The agreement may be for up to one year and may be renewed for additional one year periods.

Supervision Order: The child remains in the care and custody of a person other than a parent or guardian, under supervision of the agency or is returned to the family, under supervision of the agency, for up to one year. The child is not considered to be in care.

Temporary Care and Custody Order: An agency retains temporary care and custody of the child for up to six months from the date he was taken into care or one year from the date he was found to be in need of protection. Maximum duration varies by age: for a child under 3 it is three months; for a child aged 3 to 11, it is six months; and for a child 12 or older it is one year.

Permanent Care and Custody Order: The agency becomes the child's legal guardian, assuming all parental rights and responsibilities.

Introduction

This section presents data compiled by the Family and Community Social Services Division of the Department of Health and Community Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - reports, investigations and cases of children in need of protection.

2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *Adoptions* - departmental, private, international and special services.

New Brunswick's data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to limitations outlined in the Preface.

Protection

Table 1.a Reports[1,2] by Type, 1992-93 to 1994-95

Type	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Child abuse			
Physical	1,553	1,409	1,407
Sexual	1,668	1,516	1,548
Subtotal	**3,221**	**2,925**	**2,955**
Spousal abuse occurring within family	460	443	365
Neglect	2,771	2,569	2,472
Child beyond control	1,267	1,255	1,379
Total	***7,719***	***7,192***	***7,171***

1. All reports received by the Department of a child being in need of protection are investigated. Only primary presenting problem based on caller's allegation has been recorded.

2. Reports relate to number of families.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Legal Status	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Protective Care	88	87	71
Custody Agreement	217	198	179
Guardianship Agreement	107	84	65
Post Guardianship Services Agreement	41	50	41
Protective Intervention Order	10	7	11
Supervisory Order	41	52	71
Custody Order	141	149	132
Guardianship Order	487	521	533
Total	***1,132***	***1,148***	***1,103***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 2.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Placement Type	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Parent's Home	100	104	133
Emergency Shelter	5	13	5
Foster Home	640	638	602
Group Home	85	69	61
Institution	12	9	9
Therapeutic Home	101	111	112
Children's Special Needs Home	61	61	62
Adoption Home	23	15	16
Address Unknown	23	31	25
Independent Living	71	88	74
C.B.S. to Children Home	7	5	3
Y.O.A. Closed Custody	4	2	1
Y.O.A. Open Custody	0	2	0
Total	***1,132***	***1,148***	***1,103***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 2.c Children in Care[1] by Age Group, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Age Group	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
0-5 years	161	170	163
6-11 years	231	249	266
12 years and over	740	729	674
Total	***1,132***	***1,148***	***1,103***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoption

Table 3.a Adoptions, 1992-93 to 1994-95

Adoptions	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Departmental Adoptions	18	17	18
Family Subsidized Adoptions[1]	145	147	139
Private Adoptions	60	60	--
International Adoptions	5	--	--

1. Number of families receiving subsidies. The table below shows number of children on whose behalf subsidies are paid.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person who is, or appears to be, under 19 years of age. For child protection purposes, regulations define a child as actually or apparently under the age of 16, and include a disabled person actually or apparently under the age of 19. Services may be extended beyond age 19 for children in the permanent care and custody of the Department of Health and Community Services.

Children in Care: Children who are in need of protection under the Family Services Act and are in care under the following legal statuses: Custody Agreement, Protective Care, Supervisory Order, Custody Order, Guardianship Order or Agreement (voluntary relinquishment for adoption) (includes Post Guardianship Services Agreements) and wards from other jurisdictions.

Custody Agreement: Parent voluntarily agrees to transfer custody, care and control of a child (but not guardianship) to the Department for up to one year, with extensions made in exceptional cases only.

Guardianship Agreement: Voluntary relinquishment of a child for adoption.

Protective Care: A service which provides an immediate safeguard for a child's security and development.

Supervisory Order: Child remains at, or returns, home with supervision of the child and the child's family by the Department for up to six months. The order may be extended for further periods of six months each. Parents retain custody and guardianship.

Custody Order: Child is removed from the home, with custody, care and control (but not guardianship) transferred to the Department for the duration of the six month order. The order may be extended for an additional six month periods to a maximum of 24 months.

Guardianship Order: Care, custody, control and all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child are permanently transferred to the Department. Post guardianship services may be extended to a child who is under a Guardianship Order at the age of 19, if enrolled in an educational program or not self-sufficient due to physical, mental or emotional disabilities.

Post Guardianship Services Agreement: Services are extended to youths beyond age 19 who were in the permanent care and custody of the department provided they are in school or have special needs.

Protective Intervention Order: A person the court considers to be a danger to the child's security or development may be prohibited from residing in the same premises as the child or contacting the child for up to six months.

QUEBEC DATA ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Introduction

In 1994, of the 55 designated Children's Aid Societies (CAS's) in Ontario, 51 were non-native and the remaining 4 were native. The data in the following tables were provided by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) and represent data from all non-native CAS's as at December 31, 1992 , 1993 and 1994. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Allegations* - allegations of child abuse.

2. *Children in Care* - children who have had a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *CAS Adoptions* - agency adoptions.

In addition, the Ministry of Community and Social Services has provided expenditures on child and family services and the entire Ministry.

Ontario data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Allegations

Table 1 Allegations[1,2] of Child Abuse by Type, January 1-December 31, 1992, January 1-December 31, 1993 and January 1-December 31, 1994

Type	1992	1993	1994
Child Abuse			
Physical	n/a	n/a	9,025
Sexual	n/a	n/a	7,011
Emotional	n/a	n/a	n/a
Subtotal	n/a	n/a	16,036
Other	n/a	n/a	2,964
Total	***n/a***	***n/a***	***19,000***

1. Number of allegations refers to those which required an investigation at intake, whether or not they were confirmed or registered cases of abuse.

2. Represents data from all non-native CAS's.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1,2] by Legal Status, as at December 31, 1992, December 31, 1993 and December 31, 1994

Legal Status	1992	1993	1994
Temporary Care Agreement	n/a	n/a	1,225
Special Needs Agreement	n/a	n/a	313
Temporary Care and Custody[4]	n/a	n/a	1,159
Society Ward (temporary)	n/a	n/a	1,608
Crown Ward (permanent)	n/a	n/a	4,097
Extended Care and Maintenance	n/a	n/a	1,035
Adoption Consent	n/a	n/a	66
Total	***9,723***	***9,591***	***9,503***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Represents data from all non-native CAS's.

3. Total of Temporary Care Agreements and Special Needs Agreements.

4. Includes apprehensions and during court adjournments in child protection hearings (also known as "Interim Care").

Table 2.b Children in Care[1,2] by Placement Type and Age Group as at December 31, 1992, December 31, 1993 and December 31, 1994

December 1992

Placement Type	0-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	13-17 yrs	18-21 yrs	Total
Foster care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Group care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Institutional care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
No cost group/institutions[3]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adoption probation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Independent living	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elsewhere[4]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	***1,847***	***2,722***	***4,279***	***875***	***9,723***

December 1993

Placement Type	0-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	13-17 yrs	18-21 yrs	Total
Foster care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Group care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Institutional care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
No cost group/institutions[3]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adoption probation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Independent living	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elsewhere[4]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	***n/a***	***n/a***	***n/a***	***n/a***	***9,591***

December 1994

Placement Type	0-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	13-17 yrs	18-21 yrs	Total
Foster care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,608
Group care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	466
Outside paid foster care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,226
Outside group/instit. care	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	656
No cost group/institutions[3]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	371
Adoption probation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	475
Independent living	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,122
Elsewhere[4]	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	579
Total	***1,806***	***2,756***	***3,896***	***1,045***	***9,503***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Represents data from all non-native CAS's.
3. The CAS does not have to pay for the use of the residential facility.
4. Any other placement.

Table 2.c Number of Children in Care[1,2] - Caseload Movement, 1992, 1993 and 1994

	1992	1993	1994
Children in care on January 1	9,700	9,723	9,539
Children admitted during the year	n/a	n/a	9,111
Children discharged during the year	n/a	n/a	9,148
Children in care on January 1 of the following year	9,723	9,539	9,503

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Represents data from all non-native CAS's.

Adoptions

Table 3 CAS Adoptions, 1992, 1993 and 1994

	1992	1993	1994
Children adopted	560	n/a	501
Approved homes awaiting placements	750	n/a	n/a
Homes awaiting home study	1,600	n/a	n/a

Expenditures

Table 4.a Ministry of Community and Social Services
Child and Family Services Expenditures ($ millions)
1992-93 to 1994-95

Current Operating Expenditures	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95[1]
Child Welfare[1]	$ 354.7	$ 351.1	$ 357.9
Child Treatment	24.7	23.5	21.7
Child and Family Intervention	189.6	193.0	199.0
Children's Administration	28.2	28.2	28.8
Other Grants	0.1	0.1	1.6
Young Offenders	123.8	126.2	134.8
Community Support	19.7	19.0	25.2
Total	***740.8***	***741.1***	***$ 769.0***

1. Child welfare amounts reflect MCSS funding only. Municipalities contribute an additional 20% for agencies designated as CAS's.

Table 4.b Ministry of Community Social Services
Total Expenditures ($ millions)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-9
Child and Family Services[1]	n/a	n/a	$ 1,319.8
Job Link	n/a	n/a	58.5
Program Administration	n/a	n/a	35.1
Field Administration	n/a	n/a	30.0
Income Maintenance	n/a	n/a	6,695.0
Adults' Social Services	n/a	n/a	192.1
Development Services (Adults & Children)	n/a	n/a	889.6
Provincial Anti-Drug Secretariat	n/a	n/a	72.0
Total	***n/a***	***n/a***	***9,292.1***

1. Includes all other expenditures on Children's Services, i.e., salaries, wages, benefits, capital grants and transfer payments for child care, Young Offenders' services and to various children's associations.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 18 years of age. The *Child and Family Services Act* stipulates that protection services are to be provided to a child under the age of 16. Care maintenance may be extended to Crown wards to age 21.

Child in care: A child in need of protection under *the Child and Family Services Act* and in care under the following legal statuses: Temporary Care Agreement, Special Needs Agreement, Society Wardship Order (temporary ward), Crown Wardship Order (permanent ward), Extended Care and Maintenance, Temporary Order for Care and Custody, Parental Consent to Adopt.

Temporary Care Agreement: The temporary transfer of custody of a child to a Children's Aid Society, for a maximum period of six months. The agreement may be extended for an additional six months.

Special Needs Agreement: Parents having care and custody of a special needs child who are unable to provide the services the child requires may enter into an agreement with a CAS. The CAS may assume care and custody of the child in order to provide the services needed by the child. Sixteen or seventeen year olds who have been abused, abandoned or refused support by their parents may also enter into a Special Needs Agreement. The initial term of the agreement is one year and may be extended for one additional year.

Parental Consent to Adopt: Allows the parents to voluntarily relinquish an infant to a CAS for adoption purposes.

Supervision Order: A child remains in his community (in own home or other arrangements) under the supervision of a CAS. The order may last from three to twelve months. Indefinite extensions are allowed. The child is not considered to be in care.

Society Wardship Order: Places a child in the care and custody of a CAS for up to 12 months. The parent gives up guardianship of the child for the duration of the order.

Crown Wardship Order: Permanently transfers the care, custody and control of a child to a CAS.

Temporary Order for Care and Custody: Court ruling concerning a child's care and custody during court adjournments.

Extended Care and Maintenance: Care and maintenance services for former wards may be extended to age 21.

Introduction

The following tables are based on data compiled by the Child and Family Support Branch of the Department of Family Services. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - mandated services under *The Child and Family Services Act* to all families/children.

2. *Protection* - reports of alleged child abuse.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoption* - agency adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Family Services are included. Although Manitoba maintains a Child Abuse Register, no data are available at this time.

Manitoba data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Child and Family Services

Table 1 Child and Family Services Caseload by Category for Regional Offices only as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Category	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Unmarried Adolescent Parents	667	774	543
Children in Care[1]	5,430	5,720	5,326
Families Receiving Protection Services	8,646	7,788	8,566
Total	*14,743*	*14,282*	*14,435*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Protection

Table 2.a Reports of Alleged Child Abuse Cases by Age Group and Sex of Child, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Age Group			
Less than 1 year	54	40	36
1-3 years	319	320	327
4-10 years	1,038	1,094	1,117
11-15 years	578	622	577
16+ years	136	166	142
Unknown	0	28	345
Not reported	0	117	0
Sex			
Male	802	916	894
Female	1,323	1,466	1,385
Unknown	0	0	265
Not reported	0	5	0
Total	*2,125*	*2,387*	*2,544*

Table 2.b Reports[1] on Alleged Abused Children by Source[2], 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Source[2]	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Child and Family Services Agencies	1,480	1,434	1,476
Native Agencies	234	577	611
Regional Offices	411	376	457
Total	***2,125***	***2,387***	***2,544***

1. Represents the number of reports of child abuse received under the mandatory reporting requirements of *The Child and Family Services Act* by agencies and regional offices. All reports received are investigated.

2. Refers to the agency or regional office which received the report.

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993			
	Wards[2]	VPA[3]	Other[4]	Total
Regional Offices	537	158	18	713
CFS Agencies	2,127	971	16	3,114
Native Agencies[5]	1,161	442	--	1,603
Total[5]	*3,825*	*1,571*	*34*	*5,430*

	March 31, 1994			
	Wards[2]	VPA[3]	Other[4]	Total
Regional Offices	490	138	49	677
CFS Agencies	2,259	995	41	3,295
Native Agencies	1,151	395	202	1,748
Total	*3,900*	*1,528*	*292*	*5,720*

	March 31, 1995[6]			
	Wards[2]	VPA[3]	Other[4]	Total
Regional Offices	414	105	97	616
CFS Agencies	1,719[7]	774	559[7]	3,052
Native Agencies	866	493	309	1,668
Total	*2,999*	*1,372*	*965*	*5,336[6]*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes the following legal statuses: apprehension, Temporary Order of Guardianship, Permanent Order of Guardianship (including extensions of service) and Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement.
3. Voluntary Placement Agreement.
4. Includes wards of other jurisdictions.
5. For March 1993, excludes data for Southeast Child and Family Services Agency.
6. Prior to 1994-95, children under Orders of Supervision were considered to be children in care.
7. Starting in 1994/95, apprehensions were included in the "other" instead of "ward" category.

Table 3.b Children in Care[1] by Type of Placement, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Type of Placement	March 31, 1993[2]	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Foster Home - Regular Rate	2,367[3]	2,330	2,075
Foster Home - Special Rate	1,247[3]	1,508	1,425
Residential Care[4]	--	334	290
Other Placement Resources	710	591	731
Treatment Centres in Manitoba	227	--	--
Selected Adoption Probation	143	173	151
Other Non-Pay Care Living Arrangements[5]	736	784	664
Total	***5,430[2]***	***5,720***	***5,336***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. For March 1993, excludes data for Southeast Child and Family Services Agency.

3. Includes private group homes, own-agency group homes, emergency shelter facilities and other facilities.

4. New category as of March 1994. Includes private group homes, own-agency group homes and residential treatment centres.

5. Includes Seven Oaks Centre, St. Amant, Manitoba Youth Centre, hospitals and other facilities.

Adoptions

Table 4 Adoptions during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Selected Manitoba placements[1]	108	90	89
Selected out of province placements[1]	3	3	1
Total	**111**	**93**	**90**
Private[2] placements opened	38	47	31
De facto[3] placements opened	21	21	15

1. A child is placed for adoption with approved applicants by the Director or agency having permanent guardianship of the child.

2. A child may be adopted by persons with whom he/she has been placed directly by the biological parent.

3. A child may be adopted by persons who have had him/her in their custody without financial assistance for a least three years.

Expenditures

Table 5.a Department of Family Services
Child and Family Services Expenditures[1] ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

Child and Family Services	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Child and Family Support			
Salaries	$ 1,939.8	$ 2,095.0	$ 2,197.3
Other Expenditures	2,041.5	2,498.5	2,153.7
Maintenance of Children & External Agencies	93,694.6	92,668.8	98,091.1
First Nations Task Force	216.0	54.0	--
Family Support Innovations Fund	--	--	443.2
Seven Oaks Youth Centre			
Salaries	1,901.6	2,001.9	2,243.8
Other Expenses	269.3	260.9	261.0
Total	***$ 100,062.8***	***$ 99,579.1***	***$ 105,390.1***

1. Excludes expenditures for the following: administration, family conciliation and family dispute. For 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 these totalled $6,513,300, $6,352,500 and $6,643,400 respectively.

Table 5.b Department of Family Services
Total Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Administration and Finance	$ 7,003.5	$ 7,621.9	$ 7,826.0
Registration and Licensing[1]	1,452.3	1,583.1	--
Rehabilitation, Community Living & Day Care	151,495.6	127,136.1	130,483.7
Child and Family Services[2]	**106,576.1**	**105,931.6**	**112,033.5**
Income Security & Regional Operations	407,936.0	412,890.4	405,526.8
Total	***$ 674,463.5***	***$ 655,163.1***	***$ 655,870.0***

1. Residential Care Licensing is now included under "Administration and Finance". Responsibility for Vital Statistics was transferred from the Department of Family Services to a special operating agency.

2. Includes the following: Administration, Child and Family Support, Seven Oaks Youth Centre, Family Conciliation, and Family Dispute Services.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under the age of majority (i.e., under 18 years of age). Care and maintenance of a child who is a permanent ward may be extended up to the child's 21st birthday.

Child in care: A child in care refers to a child in the care of an agency under *The Child and Family Services Act.* There are six legal statuses: apprehension (in or out of the home); Temporary Order of Guardianship; Permanent Order of Guardianship; Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship (usually for adoption purposes); Voluntary Placement Agreement; and, transfers from another jurisdiction. (Prior to 1994-95, Orders of Supervision were also included.)

Voluntary Placement Agreement: An agreement used by families who are unable to care for a child because of a family crisis, because the child has special needs or where a child 14 years of age or older is beyond the parent's control. The agency assumes responsibility for the child's care but there is no surrender of guardianship. The agreement may be renewed for an additional 12 months. For a child over 14, unlimited renewals up to his 18th birthday are permitted.

Order of Supervision: The child may be returned to or left in the parent's or guardian's home under agency supervision and subject to specified conditions. The court may impose any duration to such an order. These children are no longer counted as being in care.

Third Party Placement Order: The child may be placed temporarily or permanently with another person, with or without a transfer of guardianship. The court may impose any duration to such an order.

Temporary Guardianship Order: The agency may be appointed the temporary guardian of the child for a period ranging from 6 to 24 months (depending on the child's age), allowing for parents to resolve the problems which led to the child's removal from the home. Renewal provisions vary according to the age of the child.

Permanent Guardianship Order: An agency is appointed as the child's guardian and the parent's rights and responsibilities regarding the child are terminated.

Voluntary Surrender of Guardianship Agreement: A parent voluntarily transfers all rights and responsibilities of parenthood to an agency.

Introduction

Data presented in this section are from Saskatchewan's child and family services' Automated Client Index (ACI). Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - reason for intervention.

2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *Adoptions* - ward and private adoptions

In addition, expenditures for children's services plus the Department of Social Services are included.

Saskatchewan data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Protection

Table 1 Number of Families with Children in Need of Protection by Reason for Intervention, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994, and March 31, 1995

Reason for Intervention	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Abuse			
Physical Abuse	360	273	218
Sexual Abuse	326	256	202
Emotional Abuse	23	20	24
Subtotal	**709**	**549**	**444**
Physical Neglect	756	711	722
Parent/child Conflict	378	326	292
Parenting Ability	704	723	674
Domestic Violence	32	56	56
Investigations[1]	825	936	677
Child under 12[2]	8	3	8
Total	***3,412***	***3,304***	***2,873***

1. Investigation ongoing, reason not determined.

2. Child has committed an offence.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994, and March 31, 1995

Legal Status	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Apprehension[2]	715	682	611
Residential Care Agreement	456	568	603
Agreement for Services[3]	184	178	140
Temporary Ward[4]	153	175	154
Long-Term Orders to Age 18	78	97	156
Permanent Ward[5]	823	763	741
Extended Care Agreement[6]	50	35	38
Total	***2,459***	***2,498***	***2,443***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Matter before the court.

3. Agreement for services to 16 and 17 year olds.

4. Temporary Committal Order.

5. Includes Permanent Committal Order and Voluntary Committal (relinquishment of a child for adoption).

6. Extension of services to 21 years of age for previous permanent wards, or children under a Long-Term Order to Age 18, so that they may continue their education.

Note: In addition, a child may be cared for by a person of sufficient interest (often a member of the extended family) for whom the Department of Social Services is providing financial or other support. These, however, are not considered to be "children in the care of the Minister". The total number of such children is: 64 in March 1993; 81 in March 1994; and 91 in March 1995.

Table 2.b Children in Care[1] by Placement, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994, and March 31, 1995

Placement Type	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Foster Homes	1,985	2,167	2,070
Group Homes[2]	68	61	64
Residential Facilities[3]	70	61	54
Other[4]	336	209	255
Total	***2,459***	***2,498***	***2,443***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Non-governmental homes.

3. Government-run and non-governmental facilities (Dales House, Cottage 22, Kilburn Hall and Ranch Ehrlo).

4. Northern child care centres (receiving function),extended family placements, children in care placed in young offenders' open and closed custody facilities, children in care who have been returned home but whose guardianship has not been terminated and older children in care who have left provincial resources.

Adoptions

Table 3 Adoptions for 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Selected Statistics by Type of Adoption	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Ward Adoptions[1]			
a) Infant[2]			
Applicants waiting	305	258	268
Home studies underway	97	100	63
Approved homes awaiting placement	184	179	191
Adoption placements	33	23	26
b) Special[3]			
Applicants waiting	91	117	169
Home studies underway	150	104	63
Approved homes awaiting placement	144	169	169
Adoptions placements	41	43	26
Other Adoptions[4]			
Independent adoptions[5]	124	67	105
International adoptions	4	5	5
Step-parent adoptions[5]	179	143	132
Agency adoptions[5,6]	23	13	18

1. Processed by the Department of Social Services.

2. A healthy infant (six months of age or under), of any race.

3. A child over six months of age, of any race. May include special needs children and family groups.

4. May be processed with/without departmental involvement.

5. Number of adoption orders recorded by the Department.

6. One approved private agency in the province.

Expenditures

Table 4.a Department of Social Services
Family and Youth Services Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Family and Youth Services[1]	$ 32,618.3	$ 35,466.1	$ 38,355.6
Family and Youth Facilities[2]	12,702.3	13,401.1	14,510.1
Administrative Expenditures[3]	1,907.3	2,270.7	2,173.5
Regional Operations[4]	12,958.6	13,600.9	14,531.1
Total	***$ 60,186.4***	***$ 64,738.7***	***$ 69,570.3***

1. Costs related to children in care, community youth services, costs to support NGO's for children, youth and families.

2. Costs related to secure and open custody facilities, and family services facility.

3. Costs related to Central Office, i.e. staffing.

4. Costs related to family and youth staff within the regions.

Table 4.b Department of Social Services
Total Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Administration	$ 18,993.2	$ 19,517.2	$ 21,15345
Child Day Care	13,333.5	14,013.6	14,112.0
Income Security	266,962.8	334,300.2	347,374.0
Community Living	42,559.2	45,365.6	47,280.0
Legal Aid	7,731.6	8,114.0	8,361.0
Regional Service Centres	15,133.6	17,035.4	18,432.0
Family and Youth Services[1]	**60,186.4**	**64,738.7**	**69,570.3**
Total	***$ 424,900.1***	***$ 503,084.8***	***$ 526,282.4***

1. Family and Youth Regional Staff are included in these figures.

Glossary of Terms

Child: An unmarried person under 16 years of age. A 16 or 17 year old who is unable to protect himself/herself from a dangerous situation may be apprehended in exceptional circumstances. Residential and/or financial services agreements may be made with a 16 or 17 year old youth for whom no parent is willing to assume responsibility. Services to a permanent ward or a child under a Long Term Care Agreement may be extended to age 21.

Children in Care: Children whose legal status is one of the following: Apprehension, Residential Care Agreement, Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 Year Olds, Temporary Committal Order (temporary ward), Long-Term Order to Age 18, Permanent Committal Order, Voluntary Committal (voluntary relinquishment for adoption) and Extended Care Agreement.

Residential Care Agreement: Voluntary transfer of custody but not guardianship to the Minister of Social Services for any period of time up to one year. The agreement may be renewed for one additional year.

Agreement for Services to 16 and 17 year olds: An agreement providing residential and/or financial services to 16 or 17 year olds when there is no parent willing to assume responsibility for the youth or the youth cannot be re-established with his/her family.

Temporary Committal Order: The child is placed in the care and custody of the Minister for up to six months while the parent retains guardianship. The order may be extended for one additional year.

Permanent Committal Order: Custody and guardianship of a child is permanently transferred to the Minister of Social Services.

Long-Term Order to Age 18: When an older child (under 16 years of age) is in need of protection and is unlikely or does not wish to be adopted, he/she is placed in the custody of the Minister until age 18 while the parents retain guardianship.

Extended Care Agreement: A permanent or long-term care ward who remains in school may enter into an agreement to extend services to age 21.

Voluntary Committal: A parent of any age may voluntarily commit a child to the care of the Minister and relinquish all custody and guardianship rights.

Introduction

Data in the tables for *Investigations, Protection* and *Children in Care* were extracted from Alberta Family and Social Services' Child Welfare Information System (CWIS). This system covers all children who are referred for or receive protection services. A revised version of CWIS was implemented in November, 1994 and some data may no longer be directly comparable to the previous years. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Investigations* - allegations that a child is in need of protection.

2. *Protection* - services to all children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protective services as defined in the *Child Welfare Act*.

3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

4. *Adoptions* - agency/ward and private adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for children's services plus the Department of Family and Social Services are included.

Alberta data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Investigations

Table 1 Primary Assessment Outcome of All Investigations Completed in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Primary Assessment Outcome	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Abandonment	1,033	980	1,075
Guardian Deceased	19	51	33
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Necessities of Life	4,047	4,292	4,617
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Provide Medical Treatment	123	123	137
Sexual Abuse by Guardian	1,095	978	768
Risk of Sexual Abuse by Guardian	319	289	268
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Sexual Abuse	470	475	529
Physical Injury by Guardian	1,192	1,287	1,176
Risk of Physical Injury by Guardian	484	478	640
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Physical Injury	89	88	217
Emotional Injury by Guardian	976	1,086	1,068
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Emotional Injury	54	85	157
Guardian Subjects Child to Cruel/Unusual Punishment	----	----	41
Guardian Unable/Unwilling to Protect from Cruel/Unusual Punishment	----	----	16
Condition of Child Prevents Adequate Care by Guardian	2,985	3,193	3,091
Repatriation	290	221	297
No Need for Protective Services	12,172	10,109	10,113
Other Jurisdiction Requested Home Report	276	272	178
Protection Needs Indicated but Not Substantiated	1,119	3,847	3,707
Other	28	23	17
Total	***26,771***	***27,877***	***28,145***

Protection

Table 2.a Children in Need of Protection by Legal Authority, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Legal Authority[1]	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Under Assessment	675	730	754
Emergency Apprehension	78	49	50
Apprehension Order	35	30	17
Support Agreement with Guardian	2,565	2,425	2,618
Support Agreement with Child	125	117	152
Supervision Order	447	510	470
Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years	87	89	44
Custody Agreement with Guardian	673	620	692
Custody Agreement with Child	84	74	77
Temporary Guardianship Order	667	664	782
Interim Custody Order	269	252	441
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	69	54	45
Permanent Guardianship Order	2,079	2,130	2,211
Extended Care and Maintenance[2]	127	132	134
Total	***7,980***	***7,876***	***8,487***

1. The legal authority reported is the most recent legal authority at the end of the month. It does not indicate the number of occurrences of a legal authority during the month.

2. Extended Care and Maintenance is provided to young adults, not children (see Glossary). It is included, however, as part of the Department's reported caseload.

Table 2.b Children in Need of Protection by Placement Type, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Placement Type[1]	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Parental Care	3,371	3,417	3,620
Extended Family	328	323	443
Residential Treatment	382	424	482
Remedial Care	0	1	14
Secure Treatment	9	9	23
Group Care	240	201	234
Receiving Group Care	0	0	11
Supported Independent Living	224	232	231
Independent Living	73	63	98
Residential Education	0	0	1
Auxiliary Medical	8	8	2
View to Adopt	270	171	153
Foster Care	2,329	2,268	2,377
Drug and Alcohol Management	0	0	1
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	5	3	1
Interim Placement other than above	8	13	16
Significant Other	134	128	128
Young Offender Act Facility	38	46	39
Agency Foster Care	188	305	390
Fee for Service Care	10	10	0
Not Coded	363	254	223
Total	***7,980***	***7,876***	***8,487***

1. Placement type is the last placement recorded at the end of the month. It does not reflect all occurrences of the different placement types.

Table 2.c Children in Need of Protection by Age, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Age at Month End	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Less than 1	304	268	280
1	365	359	361
2	369	362	410
3	401	393	421
4	356	397	416
5	357	378	436
6	409	388	413
7	374	384	423
8	405	415	410
9	409	405	432
10	418	408	439
11	412	409	434
12	478	465	542
13	556	528	593
14	627	629	675
15	648	610	673
16	508	519	545
17	424	403	429
18[1]	129	121	127
19[1]	30	34	26
20[1]	1	1	2
Total	***7,980***	***7,876***	***8,487***

1. Age is reported as of the end of the month. Therefore, some children will be recorded as an 18 year old in the month they turn 18. As well, the young adults 18 and over will be under an Extended Care and Maintenance Agreement.

Table 2.d Children In Need of Protection by Sex, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Sex	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Male	4,134	4,004	4,393
Female	3,846	3,872	4,094
Total	***7,980***	***7,876***	***8,487***

Table 2.e Children in Need of Protection by Aboriginal Status, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Racial Origin	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Non-aboriginal	4,767	4,485	5,026
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	2,241	2,418	2,376
Non Status Indian	339	353	368
Potential to be Registered	12	27	79
Unknown Status	10	11	39
Inuit	9	11	5
Metis	602	571	594
Sub-total	**3,213**	**3,391**	**3,461**
Total	***7,980***	***7,876***	***8,487***

Children in Care

Table 3.a Children in Care[1] by Legal Authority, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Legal Authority[2]	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Emergency Apprehension	78	49	50
Apprehension Order	35	30	17
Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years	87	89	44
Custody Agreement with Guardian	673	620	692
Custody Agreement with Child	84	74	77
Temporary Guardianship Order	667	664	782
Interim Custody Order	269	252	441
Permanent Guardianship Agreement	69	54	45
Permanent Guardianship Order	2,079	2,130	2,211
Total	***4,041***	***3,962***	***4,359***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. The legal authority reported is the most recent legal authority at the end of the month. It does not indicate the number of occurrences of a legal authority during the month.

Table 3.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Placement Type[2]	March 993	March 1994	March 1995
Parental Care	174	139	133
Extended Family	155	143	231
Residential Treatment	371	401	463
Remedial Care	0	1	14
Secure Treatment	9	9	23
Group Care	229	198	229
Receiving Group Care	0	0	11
Supported Independent Living	109	94	76
Independent Living	52	49	49
Residential Education	0	0	1
Auxiliary Medical	7	5	2
View to Adopt	270	171	153
Foster Care	2,282	2,233	2,351
Drug and Alcohol Management	0	0	1
Behavioural Adaptation Therapy	5	3	1
Interim Placement other than above	4	9	8
Significant Other	82	82	83
Young Offender Act Facility	32	42	39
Agency Foster Care	181	293	379
Fee for Service Care	10	10	0
Not Coded	69	80	112
Total	***4,041***	***3,962***	***4,359***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Placement type is the last placement recorded at the end of the month. It does not reflect all occurrences of the different placement types.

Table 3.c Children in Care[1] by Age, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Age at Month End	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Less than 1	150	141	143
1	181	174	175
2	168	171	186
3	184	176	191
4	165	186	208
5	166	173	210
6	163	183	196
7	147	173	202
8	167	165	192
9	158	157	204
10	186	172	204
11	184	196	207
12	228	215	250
13	300	287	331
14	382	358	372
15	411	387	409
16	350	343	374
17	327	287	293
18	24	18	12
Total	*4,041*	*3,962*	*4,359*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.d Children in Care[1] by Sex, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Sex	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Male	2,179	2,139	2,301
Female	1,862	1,823	2,058
Total	***4,041***	***3,962***	***4,359***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.e Children in Care[1] by Aboriginal Status, as of March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Racial Origin	March 1991	March 1994	March 1995
Non-aboriginal	2,145	2,000	2,201
Aboriginal			
Status Indian	1,361	1,437	1,509
Non Status Indian	203	198	255
Potential to be Registered	9	16	58
Unknown Status	7	6	9
Inuit	7	7	4
Metis	309	298	323
Sub-total Aboriginal	*1,896*	*1,962*	*2,158*
Total	***4,041***	***3,962***	***4,359***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 4.a Ward (Children in Care) Adoptions during 1992, 1993 and 1994

	1992	1993	1994
Total Number of Healthy Infants Placed for Adoption	40	35	30
Total Number of Special Needs Children Placed for Adoption	145	127	163
Ward Adoption Orders Granted	130	251	163
Ward Adoption Home Assessment Reports Received	225	196	117
Number of Applicants on Deferred Waiting List	603	609	436
Number of Approved Applicants Waiting for Placement	286	292	273
Post Adoption Agreements Signed or Renewed	37	125	96

Table 4.b Private Adoptions during 1992, 1993 and 1994

	1992	1993	1994
(a) Total Number of Step-Parent Adoptions	**391**	**289**	**318**
(b) Private Placements			
Private Placements with a Relative	45	44	40
Private Placements Non-Related	38	29	37
Private Placements - Facilitated by an Intermediary	121	74	55
Internationals	11	15	17
Licensed agency Placements	199	129	129
Sub Total	**414**	**291**	**278**
Total	***805***	***580***	***596***

Table 4.c Post Adoption Registry Activities during 1992, 1993 and 1994

Post Adoption Registry Activities	1992	1993	1994
Number of Reunions Completed	118	229	256
Applicants to the Registry			
Number of Adoptee Applicants	1,034	1,083	999
Number of Birth Parent Applicants	436	506	436
Number of Siblings Applicants	63	88	162
Number of Interested Persons Applicants	91	95	53
Total Number of Applicants	*1,624*	*1,772*	*1,650*

Expenditures

Table 5.a Alberta Family and Social Services Expenditures For Child Welfare ($000s) 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Program Expenditure	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Program Delivery	$ 39,520	$ 37,500	$ 37,295
Intake and Investigation	8,685	8,471	8,054
In-Home Family Support	14,748	16,223	18,082
Adoptions	3,444	3,905	4,000
Foster Care	39,323	45,569	44,932
Community Based Family Support Services	6,796	6,827	6,923
Residential Care	47,372	46,565	42,228
Total	*$ 159,888*	*$ 165,060*	*$ 161,514*

Table 5.b Alberta Family and Social Services
Total Departmental Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Program Expenditure[1]	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Departmental Support Services	$ 35,137	$ 37,163	$ 34,528
Supports for Independence	1,023,051	834,387	608,407
Income Benefits	212,517	223,578	186,838
Child Welfare Services	**159,888**	**165,060**	**161,514**
Family Support Services	125,662	128,007	91,139
Services to Persons with Disabilities	189,534	181,942	179,452
Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families	509	520	490
Children's Advocacy	1,635	1,293	1,376
Aboriginal Affairs	4,608	4,394	6,133
Metis Settlements Accord	7,200	7,025	6,715
Metis Settlements Accord - Statutory	30,000	30,000	30,000
Department Balance[2]	0	12,759	11,820
Total	***$ 1,789,741***	***$ 1,626,128***	***$ 1,318,412***

1. These amounts are published gross spending amounts and do not reflect changes in accounting policies for capital investment and amortization implemented in 1995/96.

2. Department Balance includes program support which was reported in various categories in 1992/93.

Glossary of Terms

Child:	A person under the age of 18 years.
Child in care:	A child who is in need of protection and has one of the following legal authorities: Emergency Apprehension; Apprehension Order; Order to Extend Custody/TGO to 3 Years; Custody Agreement with Child; Temporary Guardianship Order; Interim Custody Order; Permanent Guardianship Agreement; or Permanent Guardianship Order.
Care and Maintenance Agreement:	A child who was the subject of a Support Agreement With Child (services provided to a child in the home), a Custody Agreement with Guardian, a Custody Agreement With Child, a Temporary Guardianship Order or a Permanent Guardianship Order who turns 18 may have services extended for up to six months. The agreement may be renewed indefinitely until the young adult turns 20.
Custody Agreement:	A Director assumes temporary custody of a child for up to six months. The parent retains guardianship. The agreement may be renewed for up to six months at a time. The total time in temporary care may not exceed 2 years.
Interim Custody Order:	Order giving the Director interim care and custody of a child during court adjournments.
Permanent Guardianship Agreement:	A parent voluntarily relinquishes a child to the Director for the purposes of adoption. All parental rights are terminated.
Permanent Guardianship Order:	Custody and guardianship are permanently transferred to the Director.
Temporary Guardianship Order	Custody and guardianship are extended to the Director, with guardianship shared with the parent. The initial duration may not exceed one year and may be extended for one additional year. This term may be further extended to three years if ordered by the court.
Supervision Order:	The department may supervise both the guardian and child in need of protective service in the family home. The initial order may not exceed six months but may be extended indefinitely. The child is not considered to be in care.

Introduction

The following tables are based on data provided by the Research, Evaluation and Statistics Branch of the Ministry of Social Services. Data are for the following areas:

1. *Child and Family Services* - special services to children and family support homemakers.
2. *Protection* - services to all families/children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
4. *Adoption* - both Ministry and non-Ministry adoptions.

In addition, expenditures on child and family services plus the Ministry of Social Services are included.

British Columbia data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations noted in the Preface.

Child and Family Services

Table 1 Special Services for Children (Child Care Workers) and Family Support Homemakers Data during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

	Special Services for Children			*Family Support Homemakers*		
Types of Care	# children served during March 1993	# children served during March 1994	# children served during March 1995	# orders processed during March 1993	# orders processed during March 1994	# orders processed during March 1995
Children in Care	254	287	253	129	102	92
Family Services	1,016	860	608	443	386	371
GAIN	--	--	--	933	727	605
Total	*1,270*	*1,147*	*861*	*1,505*	*1,215*	*1,068*

Protection

Table 2.a Child Protection Complaints[1] Received by Type[2], during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

Type[2]	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Abuse			
Physical	623	572	649
Sexual	517	391	386
Emotional	111	100	115
Subtotal	**1,251**	**1,063**	**1,150**
Neglect	890	767	861
Other[3]	492	434	524
Not coded	--	--	--
Total	*2,633*	*2,264*	*2,535*

1. Complaints received by the Ministry of Social Services under the mandatory reporting provisions of the *Family and Child Service Act*. There may be more than one complaint concerning a specific child. Includes all Helpline calls.

2. Represents caller's allegation.

3. Represents the total of: absent from the home, *Family Relations Act* - Section 29 (orphaned child with no guardian), other, and multiple.

Table 2.b Helpline[1] Child Welfare Calls by Type[2], during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

Type[2]	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Abuse			
Physical	238	228	209
Sexual	136	92	80
Emotional	111	137	84
Multiple	48	45	48
Subtotal	**533**	**502**	**421**
Neglect	393	416	357
Other[3]	815	786	887
Total	***1,741***	***1,704***	***1,665***

1. The Helpline for Children is part of the Ministry of Social Services' "After Hours Program" which receives reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, as well as requests for other Ministry services. Non-child welfare calls for the same period were 1,044 (March 1993), 698 (March 1994) and 722 (March 1995).

2. Represents caller's allegation.

3. Represents the sum of the following calls: repatriation, guardianship, resource support, other protection.

Table 2.c Child Protection Complaints Received during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995, by Referral Source

Referral Source	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Subject Child	147	117	119
Parent	326	272	319
Ministry employee	250	220	258
Friend/Neighbour	308	210	231
Homemaker/Babysitter	24	23	22
Relative	175	133	169
Anonymous	108	94	120
Concerned Citizen	120	102	105
Police	146	112	121
School	434	409	386
Preschool/Daycare	32	17	23
Health Professionals	135	119	139
Other	192	216	234
Not Coded	236	220	289
Total	***2,633***	***2,264***	***2,535***

Table 2.d Outcome of Investigations during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

Outcome	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Provide family, child in care and/or other Ministry service[1]	340	300	403
Refer to another District office	155	86	96
Refer to Community Service	478	376	465
No service indicated	527	458	456
Other[2]	80	80	84
Not coded	233	260	298
Total	*1,813*	*1,560*	*1,802*

1. Includes voluntary family support, protective family support, and admitting child to care.

2. Includes services not accepted, parent ensuring safety, repatriation.

Children in Care

Table 3.a Number of Admissions to Care[1] by Legal Status on Admission, during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

Legal Status	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Short Term Agreement	219	244	252
Special Care Agreement	40	38	46
Under apprehension	182	263	228
Family Relations Act ward	4	12	1
Adoption Act ward	1	1	--
Other province ward	1	1	6
Other country ward	--	--	1
Total	*447*	*559*	*534*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.b Children in Care[1] by Reason for Admission[2], as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Reason	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Protection Required[3]			
Abuse - physical	442	433	534
- sexual	229	204	205
Subtotal	**671**	**637**	**739**
Neglect	558	624	798
Abandonment	428	404	399
Death of caregiver	30	34	33
Absence of parent(s)	212	250	268
Disability of parent(s)	888	916	1129
Deprivation of necessary medical care	20	22	16
Absent from home and endangered	217	219	229
Subtotal	**3,024**	**3,106**	**3,611**
Short Term Care Required[4]	1,460	1,622	1,707
Special Care Required[5]	583	648	740
Other[6]	217	211	203
Not coded[7]	825	613	462
Total	***6,109***	***6,200***	***6,723***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Represents the initial reason for a child's admission to care. Reasons are stipulated in the *Family and Child Service Act*.
3. Reasons for a child being in need of protection as defined in Section 1 of the *Family and Child Service Act*. One or more must be proven to the court before a child is committed to care.
4. The child's parent requires temporary assistance in caring for the child and enters into a Short Term Care Agreement with the Superintendent (Section 4 of the Act).
5. The Superintendent and child's parent agree the child requires special care and enter into a Special Care and Custody Agreement (Section 5 of the Act).
6. Includes death of guardian, transfer of guardianship or custody, relinquishment for adoption and request by other province or country.
7. Represents the number of children who were admitted to care under the former *Protection of Children Act*.

Table 3.c Children in Care[1] by Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Legal Status	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Parental Agreement[2]	1,366	1,587	1,711
Under apprehension	298	350	470
Interim Order	281	365	484
Temporary ward	1,015	921	1,223
Permanent ward	2,707	2,567	2,462
Adoption Act ward	166	136	103
Family Relations Act ward	208	208	210
Out of province	68	66	60
Total	***6,109***	***6,200***	***6,723***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes Short Term Custody Agreement and Special Care Agreement.

Table 3.d Children in Care[1] by Placement Type, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

Placement	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Foster home	3,074	3,443	3,956
Independent Living	332	362	309
Parent's Home	233	224	246
Free home	259	270	260
Adoption home	292	260	182
Runaways[2]	153	109	127
Ministry contracted resource[3]	1,646	1,426	1,550
Other resource	120	106	93
Total	*6,109*	*6,200*	*6,723*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes youth who will not live in an approved resource.

3. Includes group homes, staffed residential resources.

Table 3.e Children in Care[1] by Age Group and Sex, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993			March 31, 1994			March 31, 1995		
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<2 years	182	182	364	206	190	396	229	210	439
2-4 years	314	301	615	351	299	650	398	353	751
5-7 years	310	279	589	316	310	626	395	355	750
8-10 years	356	259	615	399	283	682	481	350	831
11-13 years	503	382	885	506	392	898	587	458	1,045
14-16 years	843	889	1,732	826	875	1,701	905	840	1,745
17-18 years	624	685	1,309	631	616	1,247	574	588	1,162
Tota!	*3,132*	*2,977*	*6,109*	*3,235*	*2,965*	*6,200*	*3,569*	*3,154*	*6,723*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.f Children in Care[1] by Grouped Racial Origin, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

March 31, 1993

Race of Father	*Race of Mother*				
	Caucasian	Native Indian	Other	Unknown	Total
Caucasian	3,155	391	39	20	3,605
Native Indian	121	1,014	12	8	1,155
Other	116	55	201	2	374
Unknown	334	298	30	313	975
Total	*3,726*	*1,758*	*282*	*343*	*6,109*

March 31, 1994

Race of Father	*Race of Mother*				
	Caucasian	Native Indian	Other	Unknown	Total
Caucasian	3,138	427	32	24	3,621
Native Indian	120	994	11	12	1,137
Other	112	49	191	7	359
Unknown	366	332	38	347	1,083
Total	*3,736*	*1,802*	*272*	*390*	*6,200*

March 31, 1995

Race of Father	*Race of Mother*				
	Caucasian	Native Indian	Other	Unknown	Total
Caucasian	3,295	428	40	30	3,793
Native Indian	140	1,183	14	7	1,344
Other	143	56	209	3	411
Unknown	428	343	47	357	1,175
Total	*4,006*	*2,010*	*310*	*397*	*6,723*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Table 3.g Children Discharged from Care[1] by Reason, during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

Reason for Discharge	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Reached age of majority	32	39	34
Married	--	--	--
Deceased	--	2	2
Adoption completed	7	49	2
Repatriated	6	4	5
Requested order refused	1	1	1
Withdrawn from court	10	14	10
Agreement terminated	31	37	27
Guardianship transferred	20	18	20
Returned to other jurisdiction	--	3	--
Intermittent Care Agreement Ended	1	4	4
Parent condition improved	80	89	79
Family situation improved	72	90	70
Care required by child completed	107	141	102
Termination of Supervision Order	44	35	32
Total	***411***	***526***	***388***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 4.a Ministry Adoptions during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Number of children placed	173	162	142
Number of adoptions completed	166	163	162
Number of approved homes as at March 31	255	291	359
Number of applications pending as at March 31	1,364	1,208	1,066
Number of children available as at March 31	117	90	95

Table 4.b Ministry Adoptions: Number of Children Placed by Age Group, during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

Age Group	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
0 to 23 months	77	74	74
2 to 5 years	54	39	36
6 to 12 years	40	40	27
13 years and over	2	9	5
Total	*173*	*162*	*142*

Table 4.c Non-Ministry Adoptions: Adoption Reports Submitted by the Ministry to the Supreme Court during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Total	210	150	137

Note: A report is required for all private adoptions, but only when requested by the court for step-parent and relative adoptions. Breakdown by type of adoption is not available.

Expenditures

Table 5.a Ministry of Social Services
Child and Family Service Expenditures ($000s)
(Source: Ministry Financial Management Reports)
1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94[1]	1994-95[1]
Program Management	n/a[2]	$ 103,104.9	$ 108,195.9
Family Support Services	58,156.4	51,199.6	52,365.5
Youth Services	15,660.9	19,334.0	21,447.7
Adoption Services	2,004.1	2,098.2	2,327.6
Services to Aboriginals	2,414.8	5,431.0	6,361.9
Foster Care[3]	27,736.2	42,156.9	47,904.1
Independant Living	3,368.2	3,707.0	3,414.7
CIC Services	3,998.1	4,156.6	4,694.9
Contracted Child Care Resource[3]	90,001.4	63,385.2	66,248.9
Foster Parent Recruitment, Foster Parent Association Grants, etc.	1,402.6	1,554.7	1,688.1
Total	***$ 204,742.7***	***$ 296,128.0***	***$ 314,649.2***

1. Categories may not be compatible with earlier years'.

2. Included in Direct Community Services, Table 5.b.

3. In 1993-94, the restructuring of the Foster Home Program resulted in the realignment of the Foster Care and Contracted Child Care Resource budgets.

Table 5.b Ministry of Social Services
Total Expenditures ($ millions)
(Source: Provincial Public Accounts)
1992-93, 1993-94, and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94[1]	1994-95[1]
Services to Families and Children	**204.7**	**296.1**	**314.1**
Income Support Programs	1,581.5	1,840.7	1,967.1
Community Support Services	317.0	323.7	349.9
Services to Seniors	27.0	30.0	29.5
Administration	76.4	60.0	61.4
Direct Community Services	181.8	--	--
Total	$ 2,388.4	$ 2,550.5	$ 2,722.0

1. Categories may not be compatible with earlier years'.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 19 years of age. Support and/or maintenance may be extended to current and former permanent wards between the ages of 19 and 21.

Child in Care: Children in the care of the Superintendent of Family and Child Service (temporary or permanent transfer of guardianship and/or custody) under the following legal statuses: Short Term Custody Agreement; Special Care Agreement; apprehension; Interim Order; Temporary Custody Order; Permanent Order; *Adoption Act* ward; *Family Relations Act* ward; ward of another jurisdiction.

Short Term Custody Agreement: Voluntary transfer of custody, but not guardianship, to the Superintendent of Family and Child Service for up to 3 months with provision for 6 month extension.

Special Care Agreement: Handicapped child requiring additional support services is usually placed in a specialized resource designed to respond to the child's special needs.

Interim Order: Child is taken into custody of the Superintendent pending a protection hearing.

Temporary Custody Order: Custody and guardianship are transferred to Superintendent for up to 12 months (temporary ward). Parents must pay maintenance costs.

Permanent Order: Superintendent has sole custody and guardianship; parents rights and responsibilities are terminated (permanent ward). All permanent wards under 12 are considered for adoption.

Supervision Order: Child remains with parents under the supervision of the Superintendent for up to six months. The child is not considered to be in care.

Adoption Act Ward: A parent voluntarily surrenders a child to the Superintendent for the purposes of adoption. The Superintendent becomes the child's sole guardian.

Family Relations Act Ward: A child who is orphaned and has no legal guardian is committed to the permanent care and custody of the Superintendent.

Introduction

The data presented in this section are taken from the Client Index System which is maintained by the Department of Health and Social Services in the Yukon. Data are provided for the following areas:

1. *Family Services* - prevention and support services to children and families.
2. *Children in Need of Protection* - services to all children considered to be "at risk" or in need of protection.
3. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.
4. *Adoptions* - agency, private and stepparent adoptions.

Yukon data should not be compared with data from other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Family Services

Table 1.a Number of Families Receiving Family Services by Type of Service, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Brief Involvement	6	5	4
Counselling	142	116	102
Custody Reports	13	11	8
Other	55	45	57
Unmarried Parent	6	4	6
Total	*222*	*181*	*177*

Table 1.b Number of Families Receiving Family Services by Category of Client, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Two parent family	62	63	50
One parent family	160	118	127
Total	*222*	*181*	*177*

Protection

Table 2 Children in Need of Protection by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Worker's Assessment of Major Reason, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Age Group			
Birth dates missing	56	57	66
0-1 year	13	11	9
2-5 years	72	70	73
6-11 years	133	144	120
12-15 years	65	88	94
16+ years	33	46	58
Sex			
Male	184	207	215
Female	188	209	205
Ethnicity			
Native	157	171	161
Other	215	245	259
Worker's Assessment of Major Reason			
Investigation Ongoing			
Neglect			
Physical abuse	10	15	21
Sexual abuse	20	23	27
Emotional abuse	3	0	1
Neglect	136	149	143
Physical abuse	28	41	36
Sexual abuse	50	50	37
Emotional abuse	8	4	3
Relationship breakdown	30	35	51
Other	41	45	37
Total	***372***	***416***	***420***

Children in Care

Table 3 Children in Care[1] by Age Group, Sex, Ethnicity and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1993, March 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995

	March 31, 1993	March 31, 1994	March 31, 1995
Age Group			
Birth dates missing	4	4	5
0-1 year	10	11	8
2-5 years	33	33	29
6-11 years	52	56	59
12-15 years	47	47	46
16+ years	26	26	35
Sex			
Male	84	86	86
Female	88	91	96
Ethnicity			
Native	104	113	103
Other	68	64	79
Legal Status			
Place of Safety	2	--	1
Custody Agreement	42	53	42
Apprehension	17	11	9
Temporary Ward	30	40	48
Permanent Ward	81	72	80
Other	--	1	2
Total	*172*	*177*	*182*

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

Adoptions

Table 4 Adoptions for 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Number of Adoptive Homes			
pending	61	46	42
approved and awaiting placement	66	33	25
Number of Adoptions Completed			
Agency	4	3	2
Private	4	4	2
Stepparent	5	3	3
Number of Children Adopted			
Agency	5	3	4
Private	5	4	2
Stepparent	--	--	--
Number of Adoption Subsidies	6	8	7
Number of Adoption Disclosures	93	69	63
Number of Families Receiving Post Adoption Services	40	31	40

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 18 years of age. Care and custody may be extended to age 19 by the Director of Family and Children's Services.

Child in Care: A child in the care of the Director of Family and Children's Services under the following legal statuses: Custody Agreement (Temporary Care and Custody Agreement), Apprehension (includes court adjournments), Temporary Ward (Order for Temporary Care and Custody), Permanent Ward (Order for Permanent Care and Custody and Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment [i.e. for adoption]) and Other (children from outside the territory being supervised in Yukon).

Agreement for Temporary Care and Custody of a Child Voluntary agreement between a parent or guardian and the Director placing the child under the Director's temporary care and custody. An agreement may last for up to one year with provision for renewal for an additional year.

Supervision Order: The child is returned to the parent or person entitled to care or custody of the child with the Director of Family and Children's Services supervising the care of the child during the term of the order. The order may also include conditions regarding the conduct of the person(s) caring for the child. The child is not considered to be in care.

Order for Temporary Care and Custody: Temporarily transfers responsibility for the child to the Director for a specific term as determined by a judge. The court will issue such an order when it feels that the child's parent or custodian will be able to resume competent care of the child on expiry of the order.

Order for Permanent Care and Custody: Transfers the parents' rights and responsibilities for care and custody of the child to the Director.

Agreement for Voluntary Relinquishment: A child's parents voluntarily relinquish a child to the Director of Family and Children's Services for the purposes of adoption.

Introduction

The data presented in this section were provided by Family Support, N.W.T. Department of Health and Social Services. Data on are provided for the following areas:

1. *Protection* - intake reports of child abuse.

2. *Children in Care* - cases where there has been a transfer of custody and/or guardianship.

3. *Adoptions* - departmental and other adoptions.

In addition, expenditures for child and family services plus the Department of Health and Social Services are included.

Northwest Territories data should not be compared with data for other jurisdictions due to the limitations outlined in the Preface.

Protection

Table 1.a Intake Reports[1] of Child Abuse and Neglect by Type, during March 1993, March 1994 and March 1995

Type	March 1993	March 1994	March 1995
Child Abuse			
Physical	22	17	21
Sexual	33	20	20
Subtotal	55	37	41
Parental Neglect	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. Allegations that were acted upon by a worker and reported to headquarters.

Table 1.b Child Sexual Abuse Intake Reports[1] by Sex of Child, January 1 to December 31, 1992, January 1 to December 31, 1993 and January 1 to December 31, 1994

Sex	1992	1993	1994
Male	33	39	46
Female	183	180	175
Total	***216***	***219***	***221***

1. Allegations that were acted upon by a worker and reported to headquarters.

Children in Care

Table 2.a Children in Care[1] by Placement Type and Legal Status as at March 31, 1993

	Appre-hension	Super-vision Order	Tempo-rary Ward	Permanent Ward	Custody by Agreement	Voluntary Care	Total
Parents' Care	42	44	15	8	0	0	109
Foster Home[2]	56	4	62	42	70	2	236
Contract Group Home[3]	6	2	4	7	14	0	33
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centre[4]	0	0	2	0	5	0	7
Private Institutions[5]	3	0	0	5	6	0	14
Adoption Home	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Own Resource	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Other[6]	10	0	13	7	31	0	61
Total	***117***	***50***	***96***	***74***	***128***	***3***	***468***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.
2. Includes foster homes, which receive a per diem, and free foster homes, which are not paid a per diem.
3. Departmental resource.
4. Trailcross.
5. Includes Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife and southern facilities.
6. Includes the hospital in Yellowknife, student residence and young offenders resources.

Table 2.b Children in Care[1] by Placement Type and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1994

	Appre-hension	Super-vision Order	Tempo-rary Ward	Permanent Ward	Custody by Agreement	Voluntary Care	Total
Parents' Care	27	54	9	6	0	0	96
Foster Home[2]	52	0	87	47	70	1	257
Contract Group Home[3]	2	0	6	7	15	0	30
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centre[4]	1	0	1	1	4	0	7
Private Institutions[5]	0	0	5	3	12	0	20
Adoption Home	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Own Resource	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
Other[6]	8	0	5	2	25	1	41
Total	***90***	***54***	***113***	***69***	***129***	***4***	***459***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes foster homes, which receive a per diem, and free foster homes, which are not paid a per diem.

3. Departmental resource.

4. Trailcross.

5. Includes Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife and southern facilities.

6. Includes the hospital in Yellowknife, student residence and young offenders resources.

Table 2.c Children in Care[1] by Placement Type and Legal Status, as at March 31, 1995

	Appre-hension	Super-vision Order	Tempo-rary Ward	Permanent Ward	Custody by Agreement	Voluntary Care	Total
Parents' Care	29	70	13	1	0	0	113
Foster Home[2]	83	0	105	55	82	2	327
Contract Group Home[3]	9	0	9	6	11	0	35
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centre[4]	0	0	5	0	3	0	8
Private Institutions[5]	1	0	7	4	11	0	23
Adoption Home	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Own Resource	0	0	0	0	5	3	8
Other[6]	13	0	5	2	29	3	52
Total	***135***	***70***	***144***	***75***	***141***	***8***	***573***

1. See Glossary for definition of child in care.

2. Includes foster homes, which receive a per diem, and free foster homes, which are not paid a per diem.

3. Departmental resource.

4. Trailcross.

5. Includes Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife and southern facilities.

6. Includes the hospital in Yellowknife, student residence and young offenders resources.

Adoptions

Table 3 Adoptions, 1993 to 1995

Type of Adoption	1993	1994	1995
Departmental Adoptions	3	3	n/a
Private Adoptions	33	31	n/a
Native Custom Adoptions	61	80	n/a

Expenditures

Table 4.a Department of Social Services
Child and Family Services Expenditures ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Foster Care[1]	$ 2,778.0	$ 3,349.2	$ 4,313.1
Contract Homes[2]	2,024.8	2,022.0	2,353.5
Departmental Assessment/ Treatment Centres[3]	1,245.6	1,169.3	1,133.0
Private Institutional Care[4]	544.8	800.7	1,687.0
Intervention Services	240.2	502.8	432.0
Total	***$ 6,833.4***	***$ 7,844.0***	***$ 9,918.6***

1. Does not include the Town of Iqualuit 1992-93 and 1994-95, or Cape Dorset 1994-95.
2. Private group homes and Territorial Treatment Centre in Yellowknife.
3. Trailcross.
4. Southern facilities.

Table 4.b Department of Social Services
Total Expenditures[1] ($000s)
1992-93 to 1994-95

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95[7]
Family and Children's Services[2,6]	$ 10,978.7	$ 10,960.0[6]	
Community and Family Support Services[3,4]	41,351.9	47,389.0	
Alcohol, Drugs and Community and Mental Health Services	10,133.9	11,539.0	n/a [7]
Correction Services[5]	--	--	
Directorate	11,731.4	12,087.0	
Capital Expenditures	4,889.0	4,638.0	
Total	***$ 79,084.9***	***$ 86,613.0***	***n/a [7]***

1. Operations and maintenance and capital expenditures.
2. Includes several items in addition to those in Table 4.a - administration, safe shelters, family violence initiatives, family violence treatment centres and day care.
3. Includes social assistance.
4. Social Assistance transferred to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment April 1, 1995.
5. Correction Services transferred to Department of Justice April 1, 1992.
6. Day Care Services transferred to Department of Education, Culture and Employment April 1, 1993.
7. Department of Health and Social Services amalgamated in June 1994 so the above budget structures no longer exist.

Glossary of Terms

Child: A person under 18 years of age. A child who is in the permanent care of the Superintendent may have guardianship extended to age 19.

Child in Care: A child who has been apprehended or is the subject of Custody by Agreement, Voluntary Care Agreement, Supervision Order, Temporary Custody Order, Permanent Guardianship Order (including extensions to age 19 and voluntary relinquishment for adoption).

Custody by Agreement: The Superintendent assumes custody, but not guardianship, of a child for up to one year. The maximum term, including extensions, is two years. However, special needs children may have the agreement extended indefinitely to age 18.

Voluntary Care Agreement: Provides services to 16 and 17 year olds living alone, who require financial and support services. These children are not at risk as defined in the *Child Welfare Act*. The child's parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is six months, with provision for additional six month renewals. The maximum term is two years.

Supervision Order: Child stays at home, under the supervision of the Superintendent. The parents retain custody and guardianship. The initial term is one year, with provision for renewal for one additional year.

Temporary Custody Order: Custody and guardianship are temporarily transferred to the Superintendent (temporary ward). The initial order may be for up to one year; with extensions, the total term may not exceed 36 consecutive months.

Permanent Guardianship Order: Custody and guardianship of a child are permanently transferred to the Superintendent (permanent ward). Permanent guardianship may be extended to age 19 if the child is still in school or handicapped.

Voluntary Relinquishment of a Child: Parent voluntarily relinquishes the child to the Superintendent. The child is in fact apprehended and the matter is brought to court to obtain a Permanent Guardianship Order.